

Gov't panel head says peace talks to resume

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WPD: Chinese women arrested, not abducted

By Lito Solares
and Ed Calawagan

THE TWO Chinese women who had earlier been reported abducted in Manila were not abducted but arrested after being caught supplying drugs to inmates at the New Bilibid Prison, said Sgt. Marcelino Delacruz, head of the WPD anti-drug unit.

The women—Yang Han Wang and Wang Man Wu—were accused of supplying drugs to inmates at the New Bilibid Prison, said Sgt. Marcelino Delacruz, head of the WPD anti-drug unit.

Yang, a native of Beijing, China and resident of Mapulang Drive

in Marikina is an independent resident at the time of her arrest.

Wang, a native of Hong Kong, holds Chinese and British passports.

Police seized 27.4 grams of shabu with a street value of P20,000 from the two women.

Delacruz said the women were arrested on Dec. 26 in Marikina, shortly after they visited their husbands at the WPD's maximum security compound.

Yang's husband, Lok Wei, and Wang's husband, Cheung Siu, are serving double life terms in drug offenses.

Delacruz said the two arrested women are members of the 144 drug ring.

He said Yang had visited over her husband's business after her arrest was announced and requested.

"Yang also acted as a courier of illegal drugs that were sold to inmates at the WPD drug unit."

Delacruz said the WPD had re-estimated with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Southern Police District to provide security for the women.

Delacruz clarified that contrary to reports, the two women were

arrested in a legitimate police action, not abducted as was previously reported.

He said that the incident was probably reported as an abduction because the Marikina police initially did not receive the report about the WPD's operation.

The reported abduction caught the attention of Penabazola (then) police, who had ordered the "National Anti-Drugs" Task Force to look into the case.

RR Marikina also noted that "the women's husbands were involved in the drug ring."



LOLA Antonio, 71, began to frequent long enough from back home with her family. She is serving a 20-year prison term at the women's correction facility in Marikina City. (PNA/INQ)

Miko Sotto dies in condo fall

By Harold Cruz, Lito Solares
and Ed Calawagan

THE FATHER of actor Miko Sotto, who died after falling off from the 10th floor of a high-rise condominium where he lived, possibly drank too much before the fall, a witness said.

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Elderly in jail just waiting for time to die

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Garden of good and healing

Text by Suzanne C. Burgess
Photos by David Marshall

THE HEALING power of plants comes as no surprise to gardeners. After all, we've been using our gardens for years as places to unwind and release the day's worries. All it takes is a leisurely stroll through a yard, pausing to tug a faded rose here and straighten an orchid there, to put our blood pressure back to normal.

Dr. Cecilia A. Lichten-Ehrn, chair of the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute, has taken the concept a step further. She has helped improve the academic quality of the Cancer Institute, where she cares patients and holds classes.

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The 700-sq-ft garden offers ponds, walk, benches and visitors space to relax in a quiet, natural setting. People get a chance for a few minutes of revitalization in such a serene place. The Center Institute treats 30,400 patients annually.

“Being clear to nature or experiencing the relaxing effect of nature gives rise to positive thoughts. That’s why Stoicists practice being bare: a part of progressive methods of treatment around the world,” says Dr. Liang, a neurologist stationed at a hospital in Beijing.

selected for subsequent editorial review.

Studies have shown a link between a patient's physical environment and his ability to manage pain and heal. Promoting the home, close business between body and mind, the garden is designed to stimulate a person's mind, auditory and olfactory senses through the choice of plants, sound and color. "The garden exists in tandem with modern medicine, infusing it with history, science and a more holistic approach," Dr. Gross says.

Neurophysiology

When Dr. Uryv returned her post in 2004, the Casco Institute's 60-year-old, stone-masonry building was being renovated. It was intricately rehabilitated in 1993 during the times of Dr. Antonio Villalón, with the help of the American Society for Healthcare.

Dr. Llewellyn said the climate garden needed improvement as well. Most plants were already dry and some were wilted brown. The garden's drainage was clogged, causing the soil to become compacted and dry.

Since the institute does not have funds for garden improvement, the Liens sought the help of their neighbors. Tony and Tina Perry, Neil and Edie They, donate funds and obtain landscaping services from Evelyn Reed of MEI Gardens Company but they also contributed the Cancer Institute Garden Table with Drs. Jane, Elmer, Susan, Arnold Liang, Eric N. Sander, Salvador Villanueva, Annette Sander, Paul and Jean Williams.

The club converted a 300-sq-m dock into a naturalized area, a preserve with plants, ecological ponds and a nursery for seedlings. Bamboo-thicket was put up at the south-west corner garden. Wood areas at the periphery of the building were developed into naturalized meadows.

The shik plane is connected to the hills in the front garden on the Indian front street side. Hanging plants and small trees will be

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